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The Daily Press

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1875.

SOME few days since we published an account of the manner in which Mr. F. W. RICHARDSON, Judge of the United States Court of Claims, Yokohama, and Commander Lewis, U.S. Navy, were turned back from a projected excursion into the country. They left Yokohama with the intention of visiting Hachijo, and return by way of Nagase. They were, of course, properly provided with passes from the United States Legation, and never for a moment imagined that their journey would be interfered with. But they were destined to meet one of those men who, "dressed in a little brief authority," render their tenure of it more uncertain by losing no possible opportunity of displaying "and often of exaggerating their power." Such a character the local authority at Hachijo appears to be. He informed the American gentlemen that they had no right to visit the place, and could not for a moment be induced to listen to argument. Vain was the production of passes; he would have nothing to say to them; he would do nothing but place them in arrest. They asked to be allowed to proceed to Nagase, but this request was also refused, and they were informed that they must return to Yokohama. So a watch was placed over them until the following morning, when they were escorted back by the police to Yokohama, where they were taken to the police head-quarters and compelled to give security for their future appearance. The policemen who accompanied them interrogated them as to their names and positions in a most insulting manner, and still further humiliated them by appealing to the constable of the United States Consulate for confirmation of their assertions. As a matter of course, they only submitted to those proceedings from a feeling of necessity, and took the first opportunity to lay the case before their Consul, requesting him to take it up.

Mr. BIRCHARD, the U.S. Consul, lost no time in representing the affair to the Japanese Foreign Minister, who on his part investigated it with praiseworthy alacrity. The result of his inquiry has been the despatch of an elaborate explanation of the circumstances under which the ill-timed interference with the travellers' movements originated, and a full and ample apology for the sameness and inaccuracy they had experienced in consequence. The two officials who had been the cause of the difficulty acted partly in ignorance, but they had also been guilty of exceeding their duty, and therefore were discharged from the Government service. Mr. MURAKAMI confirmed that his Government felt most sincere regret for the injustice and indignity put upon Captain Lewis and Mr. RICHARDSON, and begged them to believe that their treatment arose out of no desire to offend or embarrass, but out of ignorance. No exception could be taken to the tone or spirit of His Excellency's communication, especially as it contained so handsome an apology for the unlucky *contretemps*. The master will therefore be allowed to drop, every party being satisfied.

But the complaint was most judiciously made to the Japanese Authorities. The fate of these petty officials, who thought they might afford to dispense insolence to foreigners, and cause them trouble and annoyance with perfect impunity, will be

a warning to similar fry, who may possibly dream that such is one method of currying favour with the Government. They can now be under no such false impression, and the course adopted by the Government will tend to deter native officials from unwarrantably interfering in future with the movements of foreigners. One thing more remains to be spoken of. The Japanese Government very jealously denies foreigners permission to travel into the interior of the country beyond the Treaty limits, and if one by mistake exceeds the limit he is promptly, and with no great courtesy, conducted back to the port from whence he started by Japanese policeman. It is a great pity the Government adheres so tenaciously to this relic of its old conservative policy. The pleasure urged in favour of its retention is that possible embroilments might ensue between the natives and foreigners if the latter were suffered to roam all over the island. But of this there is really very little danger. Recent experiences of travellers, though necessarily limited in extent, suffice to show that the people are not unfriendly, and not at all disposed to insult or outrage peaceful foreigners. On the contrary, they would no doubt welcome their appearance, both for the sake of seeing them, and in the hope of reaping some slight profit from the sale of carots and articles of food to them. The Government can have no other reason than a lingering of the old exclusiveness for adhering to this policy. It would be a graceful and a politic concession to accord permission to respectable foreigners to journey into the interior for any distance they choose, and one that would be most favourably regarded by numbers who are anxious to see more of Japan than is possible by the limits imposed on their peregrinations by the British steamer *Formosa* has been chartered and caught up by the *Scotland*. She came into Mr. McDonald's ship yesterday, where she was examined before transfer.The audience at the *Theatre Royal*, City Hall, on Tuesday night was not quite so large as on some former occasions, but the programme of the entertainment was substantially the same as on the last occasion, and was as successfully carried out. We notice a complete change of programme for to-night, and as the bill of fare is an inviting one there is little doubt that there will be a good house.The British steamer *Formosa* has chartered and caught up by the *Scotland*.The audience at the *Theatre Royal*, City Hall, on Tuesday night was not quite so large as on some former occasions, but the programme of the entertainment was substantially the same as on the last occasion, and was as successfully carried out. 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Extracts.

THE MAIDEN AND HER LIGHT GUITAR.

Ah! play no more that light guitar,
But sit and sing to me.
Here, where the dewy flowers are,
Where the birds sing, and the bee.
The love is over, but I'd hear
The voice before it die;
For when the charm we love is over,
Time like an angel flies.
Each zephyr from the now-known bay
A dainty perfume brings;
So sweetly loitering on its way
To where the brook sings.
To where the brook sings,
To where the brook sings,
Planted with such stony trees,
My heart will often to thy song.
Like roses to the rain.
More sweet than music are the dells
From birds when morning wakes,
And dewy tones than golden bells
When the sun rises.
Then lay thy light guitar aside;
Sing—sing only here;
I'll listen till each note has died—
Lest like a fallen tear.
Sing, sing of love, the oldest theme,
And next to Heaven the best,
For in its light our pleasures seem
To be the fairest of the rest.
Then play no more that light guitar,
But softly sing to me;
And I, still as you lonely star,
Will listen to thee!

St. James's Magazine.

A VORACIOUS DUCK.

The following amusing anecdote is related by M. Guesclin to prove the extraordinary voracity of ducks. Twenty of these birds were put in a pen. One of them was killed and cut up into the smallest possible pieces, feathers and all, and being thrown to the remaining 19, was soon glutonously gobbled up. Another was killed, and soon eaten by the 18. Another and another shared the same fate, until there was only the last, this one having performed the immense feat of eating 19 of its own kind. The narrator does not give us any further account of this "last of the twenty," but we should think it was rather swelled.

NARROW ESCAPE.

During a class-meeting held by the Methodist brethren of a Southern village, Brother Jones went among the coloured portion of the congregation. Finding there a notorious man, he said— "Well, Brother Dick I am glad to see you here. Haven't stolen any turkeys since I saw you last, Brother Dick?" "No, no, Brother Jones; no turkeys." "No, no, Brother Jones; no chickens." "That's doing well, my brother," said Brother Jones, leaving Brother Dick, who immediately relieved his overburdened conscience by saying to a near neighbour, with an impious sigh of relief— "If he'd said ducks, he'd had me!"

MR. COLLINS' CROQUET SET.

Croquet, that amply fascinating game, was introduced on the premises of the Collies on Friday. In the afternoon, Podge's boy brought up the set, and just before tea, Mrs. Collins arranged the wickets. Collins had learned to play when visiting in Gloucestershire last summer, and Mrs. Collins acquired an indifferent knowledge of the game from two elderly maiden sisters in Paxton-street. And so on that delicious Friday afternoon they took out their mallets and balls and commenced the game.

"Now, Finsbury," playfully observed Mr. Collins, "don't you begin cheating at the start. If you do, the game will be pre-destined to me, gambling, and we'll injure our moral natures in trying to build up our physical."

"People who are so ready to charge against others may need careful watching themselves, young man," said she, in the same spirit, "and I mean to keep a sharp eye on you."

"Then they both laughed.

"But it will be a good thing for you," he said, with a huge of tenderness in his voice; "you are kept cooped up in the house so that you hardly get a breath of fresh air. This will give you exercise and keep you out doors, to."

"You are always thinking of me," said she, as her eyes grew moist. "You need the outdoor air as much as I do, but you are too unselfish to think of yourself."

And thus exchanging sentiments which did credit to both their hearts, the game progressed.

After passing through the centre wicket, Mr. Collins used his balls to help himself through the other wicket to the upper stake. Then he left near the first wicket, and struck for the stake, which, being about eight inches distant, made him confident. The ball missed by about an eighth of an inch.

"I declare!" he exclaimed, in vexation.

Then he, having watched his rapid progress, now struck for him and hit him, and a minute later his ball was spinning through the grass to the other end of the ground. She was now in position for her wicket, and passed through it and the others to the stake, but missed it. Then he came up to a wicket-treatise, "how to within two inches of the stake. But she wanted for him again, and when she got through she was three whole yards beyond the stake, and his ball was at the other end of the ground again, and his bow was finely corrugated. He stepped nervously toward it. It was quite evident that he was not untrifled. When his turn came again he dashed back to the stake, but struck a wicket, and rebounded so close to her that she easily hit him, and again introduced him through wicket-treatise, "how to within two inches of the stake. But he was not far, and then sent him flying again. Her success caused her to laugh and he hid it.

"You think you are pretty smart, but I'll get even with you," he said, without smiling.

"You'll have to play better than you have done," she lightly suggested.

"I say you did."

"And I say I didn't. But if you are going to play this game why don't you go ahead?"

"I'll play when I get ready," he answered, turning white about the mouth.

"If you ain't going to play, you'd better go into the house and shut up," she suggested.

"Don't you talk to me that way," he cried, "or I'll make you sorry for it, you brazen-faced busy."

"Hush, hush!" she screamed. "Ain't you ashamed of yourself, John Jacob Collins to call your wife a busy? Hush, am I, you old villain. Hush, is it you miserable brute. I'm to be called a hussy, am I, after working my knuckles off for you and slaving for three years after your crooked carcass? There! I cried in a paroxysm, throwing the mallet on the ground, "take your old crooked and shove it down your lying throat and choke yourself to death with it, if you want to, you miserable old wretch. And don't you ever ask me to play with you again or I'll tell you something that you'll remember the longest day you live, you old devil."

And then she bounded into the house, leaving him standing there and rubbing his head in a benumbed sort of way. But she almost immediately after she thrust her head out of the window, and snapped out:

"You needn't think, you are going to get any hot biscuits for your tea in this house this mighty young man, and you can put that in your pipe and smoke it just as soon as you have a mind to."—Dumbury Notes.

A HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Consider what this is, what it may be, whenever it occurs, whether in high places or in humble. It is not only the blending together of two human souls for the mutual society, comfort, and help of each—but only a constant giving and taking of the mutual happiness, but also a new beginning of life, a new starting-point of usefulness. It is the great call, once for all, to leave the past with all its errors and faults and follies far, far behind us, and to press forward with new hopes and new courage and new strength into the future which lies before us.

SELF-CONTROL.

The young man's true safeguard is in himself—his own self-control. Parents grieve sometimes when they see the restraints of home burst though, and the narrow and low barriers that were enough to keep in the boy spurned and leap over by the young man; and they regret that they cannot bring to bear the same constraints as in past years; but if they could do all they would like, it would be vain. There must be a time of trial, and the real wisdom is not to try and stave that off as long as possible, but to get the principles implanted, rooted, and grown which will make self-control natural and pleasant when parental control is relaxed. The young man must learn to rule himself, or the rules of others will be flung off as irksome and degrading the moment the chance for what he counts emancipation is given him. Nothing else, believe me, can take the place of self-control.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

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On risks to all other ports, the brokerage will be

one per cent. (10%) only.

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at 181 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

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A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed on Insurance effected with this Office.

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NOTICE.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

CHAS. H. MORGAN, Agent, 1800 Hongkong, 18th June, 1875.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE, 137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned is authorized to accept risk on behalf of this Office, by first class steamers and sailing ships.

A. MOYER, Agent.

at 1800 Hongkong, 1st July, 1875.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed on risks to ports in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits. On risk to all other ports the Brokerage will be FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15%) only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 27th June, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELBOURNE & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 27th June, 1874.

THE CUMBERLAND DALESFOLK.

Until about the middle of last century the roads of the country were in a wretched state. Instead of wheeled carriages, pack horses, and in some cases sledges, were used for conveying merchandise from one place to another. There is an old man now living in Grasmere, whose grand-nephew could remember the present church bells being brought to Grasmere on sledges by the old road over the top of White Moss—the main road between Ambleside and Grasmere. Then there is the old story about the first time ever taken into Borrowdale. It was, as the story goes, conveyed thither in a sack, on the back of a horse, and when the man in charge of it got as far as Grange Bridge a heavy thunder shower came on, and the lime began to smoke and grow hot in the sack. To stop this he poured some water on it, which he brought in his hat, from the back, which increased the smoke so much that, thinking there must be something devilish in smoke which was increased by water, he took flight, threw load into the back, and galloped home. Here, as elsewhere, most of the travelling used to be performed on horseback. A man and his wife often rode to market together on the same horse—the woman sitting behind on what was called a pillion. But the Dalesmen were by no means particular about the appearance of their turn-out. A piece of turf dried and cut into the proper shape was frequently used for a saddle. In other cases what was called a "pad" was used, which was made of straw. Sometimes, on market days, after business was over, such of the farmers as were convivially disposed stayed at the public-house, holding "crack" and drinking until a late hour. Not much skill labour was bestowed on making a plough, was nothing unusual for a tree to be growing in the morning, to be cut down during the day, and made into a plough with which a good stroke of work was done before night.

—Froster.

CARLISLE CASTLE.

On the advance of the Highlanders in 1745 the castle was found utterly unprepared to stand a siege. From the records of the court-martial held afterwards upon Colonel Durand for surrendering the place, it appears that the garrison consisted of two companies of invalids, some eighty in number, all old and infirm men, four gunners, two of whom were townsmen, and two old soldiers, but one of them a very old and infirm man; that three were disabled, and in all probability only disabled from supporting Charles Edward by their national hatred for his Scotch supporters—that the castle and city walls were in a ruinous condition and utterly defenceless, the castle having but twenty guns, all 6-pounds, while ten only were provided for the city walls, ranging in calibre from 2 to 4-pounds. The consequence was that the town and castle quickly surrendered, and the Prince entered in triumph, and then proceeded southwards. A short time saw his fortune change. In December he was again in Carlisle, and at a council of war Lord George Murray advised that Carlisle should be evacuated, the castle blown into the air, and the stones pitched into the Eden. In a military point of view this advice was sound, but it was rejected. The Prince left a garrison behind, and in the course of a few hours the place was completely invested by the Duke of Cumberland, who drew a cordon of troops around the town at a distance of half a mile. A week's delay was occasioned by the bringing of 18-12-pounds from Whitehaven, which were placed in a trench on the site of the present Infirmary, and at once opened on the 330-yard angle battery of the castle and on the 424-yard battery, which, having only earthen parapets, were soon silenced. This was on a Saturday, on which day also the Dutch troops shelled the castle from Stanwix. By Monday the Duke had three more pounds off the rate at the end of a day. Henceforth the history of the castle is little more than a record of destruction.

At the beginning of the present century the Government pulled down the Elizabethan barracks, the long hall where Edward VI's parliament met, changed the great chamber and chapel into quarters for officers, pulled down Queen Mary's Tower, level to the ground, destroyed some trees she had planted and at one time it was in contemplation to have let the castle for a manufactory.

—Hussey, Hussey!

"Ain't you ashamed of yourself, John Jacob Collins to call your wife a hussy? Hussey, am I, you old villain. Hussey, is it you miserable brute. I'm to be called a hussy, am I, after working my knuckles off for you and slaving for three years after your crooked carcass? There! I cried in a paroxysm, throwing the mallet on the ground, "take your old crooked and shove it down your lying throat and choke yourself to death with it, if you want to, you miserable old wretch. And don't you ever ask me to play with you again or I'll tell you something that you'll remember the longest day you live, you old devil."

And then she bounded into the house, leaving him standing there and rubbing his head in a benumbed sort of way. But she almost immediately after she thrust her head out of the window, and snapped out:

"You needn't think, you are going to get any hot biscuits for your tea in this house this mighty young man, and you can put that in your pipe and smoke it just as soon as you have a mind to."—Dumbury Notes.

INSURANCES.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

MARINE RISKS.

Policies at current rates, payable either here in London, or at the principal Ports of India, Australia, and the East.

A BROKERAGE OF THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. will be allowed on all LOCAL RISKS.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premiums charged for insurance, not discount being deducted at the time of the issue of the Policy.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

1 Hongkong, 11th August, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Established 1809.

CAPITAL \$20,000,000.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$60,000 on any one.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed on all